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Hot chili, warm rays — must be spring



Bethel Inn staffers Mary Lou Fraiser and Eddie Ojeda enjoy the sunshine Sunday during the 11th annual "Eat the Heat" Chili Cookoff at Sunday River Ski Resort. The inn took the People's Choice Award as well as third place overall. Mother's Restaurant of Bethel took second place, while first place went to Margarita's Restaurant of Portland. (Photo by Carol Savage)

Town Meetings

Gilead school share up, but bottom line is steady

By ALISON ALOIOSO

The effect of increased valuation on school taxes will be brought home to Gilead residents at Saturday's annual Town Meeting.

The town's share of the school foundation allocation will be \$113,202 this year, up from 1999's \$73,392. Gilead tuitions its students to SAD44.

The school share increased as a result of the \$10 million pipeline project of 1998. It takes two years for the state to factor in a valuation increase.

Despite the jump, and the first \$100,000 installment of a road loan repayment, Gilead's budget should stay about the same as the 1999, according to Beverly Corriveau, town administrative assistant. The mil rate of 11.5 should also stay steady, or possibly even go down, she said.

The increase in Gilead's share of the school funding is offset by the fact that the town will not have to raise any money for additional local school funds. The foundation allocation increase covers what

would normally have been raised under a separate additional local funds article, according to Bruce Powell, SAD44 business manager.

The road costs stem from last year's vote to borrow \$482,000 to repave town roads. The town also raised \$60,000 outright toward the work.

This year, voters will be asked to raise \$106,000 for the first payment of the five-year loan.

Selectmen are recommending \$800 for general assistance this year, up from the previous \$500.

"We've had a couple of cases already at the beginning of this year," said Corriveau, as a result of increased heating oil prices.

Also on the warrant is an article to authorize the selectmen to study other options for solid waste removal and recycling. Corriveau said the board is not happy with the current rising costs, and wants to find out if the town has any alternatives.

For the first time in 40 years,

See GILEAD, page 4

Woodstock to vote on old grader, hall and road

By ALISON ALOIOSO

Woodstock voters will consider Monday whether to save two items of historic value in town — the Up and Go Community Center and the road grader.

Townpeople will gather at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School to vote on a municipal budget of \$694,270, up about \$58,000 from 1999.

The community center, located on Route 26 in South Woodstock, was originally built as a church around 1856. The building has in recent years been cared for by the dwindling Willing Workers group.

Member Andrea Wing said there are only two or three members now, and the responsibility for the center has become a burden.

The group, she said, would like to see the town take over the building and preserve it as an historic site. It does need work on the roof and foundation, said Wing. There have been no estimates made of the costs involved, she said.

The town grader is more than 100 years newer than the community center, but at 30 years of age, it falls into the historic classic category for road equipment.

Selectmen originally recom-

mended the town purchase a newer — but still used — grader to replace the 1970 model. But, said town manager Vern Maxfield

Monday, they have since learned it is unlikely the town can purchase a grader for the \$40,000 price on which they had planned. The town would have to borrow money to buy anything more expensive, he said. Selectmen had proposed using \$20,000 from the Highway Truck Reserve Account and \$20,000 from taxation to buy a grader.

Now, said Maxfield, a second article has been added that will offer the option of fixing the old

grader.

Neither alternative is particularly attractive, he said.

In addition to the newly added grader article, another article will also appear asking voters to raise funds to fix the town's 1979 buckethopper. The loader is already being fixed, Maxfield said, but the \$7,000 estimated cost would significantly deplete the equipment account. Selectmen then decided to add an article to fund it separately.

Neither new article appears in the already-printed town report warrant.

See WOODSTOCK, page 4

Spring's sweet sap is running and so are its tappers

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Special to The Bethel Citizen. Part one of two. It's sugaring time. In sugar houses all over the northeastern corner of North America, people are at work making next year's supply of maple syrup.

The warm days and cold nights of March and April make the sap run. As the sun warms the trees, pressure inside a maple tree causes sap to rise through the sap wood of the tree to the branches. This sap will taste the leaf buds with the nutrients to grow new foliage.

At night, as the temperatures cool below freezing, the sap runs again, only this time it runs down, back to the roots.

The repeated heating and cooling cycles of the local climate cause repeated runs of sap, allowing

"It's part of the farm economy. In mud season, there isn't a lot to do to keep two or three guys busy when you still have to pay them."

FRED BURK

enough sugar to course through the tree for it to be collected and concentrated into maple syrup.

When the nights stay above freezing and the days turn toward T-shirt weather, the sugar in the sap begins to turn to starch. Then, the leaves will begin to form, and the sap will taste buddy instead of sweet. Another sugar season will come to an end.

The History of Sugaring

Indigenous to the area

collected maple sap in baskets and concentrated it with hot rocks. The syrup they produced must have been thickened as much by ashes from the fire-heated rocks as it was from boiling.

Colonists learned about maple sugar from the Indians and enhanced the process with metal pans. The maple sap could now be boiled without the addition of ashes. Given the expense of sugar, having a local source of a sweetener was

relished by early settlers.

In 1872, maple sugaring went commercial with the invention of the evaporator. Evaporators allow for the reduction of large amounts of sap at once.

Metal or wooden buckets were hung under taps. Each afternoon after a good run, the sap would be collected from the buckets and boiled down into syrup.

This is the Currier and Ives image of maple sugaring people think of. It is easy to forget the long hours of slogging through snow and mud carrying buckets of sap, followed

See MAPLE SYRUP, page 4

Millbrook Tavern Trivia

We're making history every night.

This brook furnished power for the first grist mill erected in Bethel

Can you name the brook?

Know the answer? Enter to win a \$30 dinner for two when you submit your answer at the Millbrook Tavern, lower level of the Bethel Inn.

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The Bethel Board of Selectmen are accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The committee would consist of three members from the Fire Department, two members from the Ambulance Service and six members from the Public.

Applications must be submitted to the Town Office by noon, Friday, March 31, 2000. Interested persons may call the Town Office at 824-2669 for further information.

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Editorial & Letters

Write now

After years of discussion, meetings, hearings and decisions, it all boils down to this:

If L.D. 2607 (legislation that would allow the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe to conduct high-stakes gambling in Albany Township) is defeated in either the Maine House of Representatives or Senate next week, then the idea is dead, certainly for another year, quite possibly forever.

But if L.D. 2607 passes both houses, and is signed into law by Gov. Angus King, we are probably well on our way to having our worst fears for Albany realized.

Two things to bear in mind.

1) We are not talking about this foot-in-the-door plan for a 27-weekend-a-year bingo hall. We are talking about an eventual full-blown, round-the-clock, 365-day-a-year casino — and all that comes with it.

This is abundantly clear from the unrelenting pattern of Indian-gambling expansion, both in Maine and across the rest of the country. And the tribe's intention to cash in on this pattern is spelled out unequivocally in legal documents uncovered over the past two years.

The tribe's intent is clear, the means will eventually be at hand. 2) The tribe will be "sovereign" on its land in Albany, but strangers will be the ones exercising that sovereignty.

In order to get the financing for this scheme, the tribe has in essence signed over its sovereignty in Albany to an out-of-state businessman.

The effect of this deal is the potential creation in our midst of an autonomous island fiefdom, a fiefdom ruled not by the people of Maine, not by the laws of Maine, not even by the members and customs of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe.

It will be ruled by, and for out-of-state (want to take any bets on "offshore"?) financial interests, interests with a sole objective: maximizing their bottom line, whatever the collateral damage might be to our community and environment.

On page 5 you will find a list of current members of the Maine Senate and House of Representatives. We have crossed out the names of Judiciary Committee members. They have heard enough and have made up their minds, for better or worse.

But the other members of the Legislature need to hear from you now. Write, call, e-mail. Don't ramble — pick one or two points, make your case succinctly, and close by urging the legislator to vote against L.D. 2607.

Above all, do it.

(MRD)

WHERE BINGO PLAN STANDS

To the Editor:

When the Passamaquoddy Tribe wanted to bring gambling to Western Maine at its Old West Bethel Road lot, LURC was approached. Without much debate, LURC rolled over and closed its bureaucratic eyes to the foreseeable harmful effects on the existing economy and way of life.

In response, Albany Township with the help of residents from all over Oxford County fought back and both the Superior Court and the Supreme Court ruled against LURC and the tribe.

The tribe immediately responded by approaching the Legislature claiming that it made an inadvertent mistake when drafting the 1991 legislation to add Albany to its list of Indian Territory, and would the Legislature kindly rewrite the laws to reverse the outcome of the lawsuit.

That legislative proposal is now before the Judiciary Committee. Some of the committee members, including Rep. Paul Waterhouse and Sen. Benoit, vehemently oppose the tribe's legislation. Others, however, are again ready to roll over to appease the tribe and sacrifice Albany Township to do so.

We all know that if the tribe's Albany land becomes Indian Territory it is only a matter of time before their 2,000-patron gambling center opens with traffic officers and traffic lights on Route 5 to handle the hundreds of buses and other vehicles. If this were to become Indian Territory, remember that the tribe's special privileges on that land would also include exemption from state hunting and fishing regulations, no real estate taxes, immunity from suit in many cases, a private government and tribal municipal system, and probably exemption from LURC's and other state environmental regulations.

On Friday, March 24, 2000 the Judiciary Committee will meet to vote on the tribe's proposed legislation. We are hoping for a majority report to the full Legislature that recommends "ought not to pass." After that, there will be a vote in the House of Representatives sometime within the following week or two, and then a vote in the Senate, and then the question of a veto by the governor.

We hope the tribe's bill never reaches the governor's desk and instead dies — a long-lasting death — on the floor of the Legislature.

Margaret Wille
Albany Township

BOOK SALE ROUNDUP

To the Editor:

This letter is to remind residents that as the season approaches they can again be thinking of the Bethel Library annual used book sale held on Mollyockett Day, July 15. The committee will be following last year's schedule, and a few weeks in advance a collection or drop-off place will be announced. For the interim, if anyone has a few books they may always be left at the library. If anyone has books to dispose of, please call the library at 824-2520 and arrangements can be made to have them picked up for storage.

Ruth Feeney
Book Sale Chairperson

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OTHER SIDE OF WOODSTOCK ROAD ISSUE

To the Editor:

The Woodstock voters are asked to vote on the clarification of the discontinuance of the town road between Route 26 and Route 232.

The petition for discontinuance agreement dated June 12, 1989 was signed and approved by all three abutting landowners. This discontinuance included the Town of Woodstock not to retain a public easement over the herein described discontinued area, as provided in Title 23 M.R.S.A. Section 3026. This article number four was voted on and approved at a special town meeting Oct. 10, 1989.

The abutting owners have since transferred real estate and issued easements based on the Town of Woodstock's original discontinuance dated Oct. 10, 1989.

A "Y" shaped intersection of the town road and Route 232 was used for approximately 53 years by the public, M.D.O.T. plan dated 1936. The 1989 discontinuance provided access for each landowner, by splitting the "Y" intersection. Mr. Erlon Blood chose not to use his provided driveway at that time, but to use the driveway of his abutting owners. He has recently applied for a permit to fix and use his original driveway from the M.D.O.T. The M.D.O.T. has reviewed the location and would issue the permit when requested by Mr. Blood.

The liability of plowing and maintenance on the public easement by Erlon Blood, without proper documentation from the Town of Woodstock could result in damages caused to the public using this road.

There was no denial of any access to the abutting properties in the 1989 discontinuance. I urge the voters of the Town of Woodstock to vote "yes" on Article 31 to close this road and vacate the public easement as voted Oct. 10, 1989.

Richard McInnis, abutting landowner
Woodstock

'LITTLE CASTLE DOOMED' REPLY

To the Editor:

In answer to paragraphs one through 11 in last week's letter to editor, "Little Castle Doomed":

1. Twenty-seven people is the most interest that has been shown to the library in about that many years.

2. Whose grandchildren? Mine are too busy to even go to the library.

3. The only disgrace to the library is that the townspeople have allowed this to go on for as long as they have had use of the building.

4. The monies figure is with most all of what is mentioned and more. We have kept the castle in the addition, all exposed to the eye, inside and out.

5. You are invited to the table and chairs of the existing backyard of the library. Maybe you can locate the existing septic tank and/or cesspool they are using today.

6. Words are words. I did not see a drawing at the Town Meeting to compare anything to.

7. The issue of location is important. God told Noah to build the Ark and they will come.

8. The key to this paragraph is: "Hire a professional," feel free to spend as much of your monies as you wish, but, do not spend the town's or library's and show us how you do and also make the Town Meeting of March 5, 2000.

9. The person that drew these drawings got paid but not out of either one of these checkbooks.

10. I have a 1956 Chevy and it has more room inside it than any Dodge Caravan.

11. The "Little Castle" needs all the exposure and help it can get, good or bad, and please let me know where I can pick up my check so that I can donate my earnings to the library building fund so that the library can grow where it is sitting now and maybe even grow into the Grange building for even further historic growth and space.

Ted Jones
West Paris

Tires

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If the chips are not delivered to the project site on time, he said, the state might have to go out of state to get the tire fill. DEP currently plans to sell the Greenwood tires to MDOT at \$20 a ton.

McMullin said the bids were evaluated by five DEP officials, including himself. The weighted review is based on price (worth 50 points), quality of the proposal, including ability to meet the schedule (25 points) and bidder qualifications (25 points).

Because of the tight delivery schedule, he said, "I weighted this ability to process and deliver higher than I would have if the contract had allowed for one or two years to process and deliver this quantity of chips."

McMullin also said the specifications for the size of the chips is precise.

He said DEP ideally likes to hire in-state for its work, when feasible. "We like to keep money at home," he said. He also said the agency is sensitive to how Mainers' money is spent.

But when it comes to removing Greenwood's tires, said McMullin, "I gotta make it happen."

Did his homework

But Savage said he has spent the past three years — and about \$20,000 — researching and planning the details of how to handle the project. He would purchase two new chipping machines guaranteed by the manufacturer to provide chips of the specified size.

He noted Schofield's work plan states that the specifications have been modified to allow some of its chips to vary in size from the guidelines. Savage said he is looking for no such leeway.

In the appeal filed last week, Savage's attorney, Dana Hanley, states that Savage was "the only bidder to completely adhere to the

specified bid guidelines." He said that his client had been discriminated against in the areas of experience and resources, as well as plan feasibility. Hanley also assisted Savage in putting together the bid, Savage said.

He said his machines would not be delivered to Greenwood until about six weeks into the project. In the meantime, he would plan to lease another machine. Schofield's plan also called for leasing some machinery, he said.

Savage argues that chipping tires is a relatively simple process. "We're talking about putting tires into a chipper, shredding them and trucking them to Biddeford," he said. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist."

McMullin disagrees. "Tires are difficult to chip because they're so strong. And the machinery is a lot of maintenance. There's a reason why not many people are successful at this business."

Savage said, however, he can hire the technical expertise to maintain the machines. The company providing the new shredders, Shred Tech of Canada, would also provide technical support, according to Savage.

A state contract review board will decide who has the stronger argument. The appeal itself could delay the work, said McMullin, conceivably adding to the potential for buying tires out-of-state.

Savage said he expects a response regarding the appeal by the end of the month. The loss of a couple of weeks would not be very significant at this time of year anyway, he said, because mud season would slow down the process.

He also said he is the only bidder to have arranged to work 20 to 24 hours a day, if needed.

23 potential jobs

Savage said his plan called for

employing 23 people locally to help with the tire work. Included were Jack Cross Excavation of Bethel — and Peter Gordon, owner of the former tire facility.

Gordon has been legally barred by the state, for security reasons, from coming within 300 feet of the Greenwood tires, Savage said. A security guard is currently posted at the Greenwood site, he said.

But, said Savage, security would not be an issue if his company did the work, because Gordon would work with him and be fully cooperative. Savage also said he and Gordon are looking at the long-term possibility of using the purchased chippers to establish a permanent chipping site in Greenwood.

Gordon was asked if he had made any statements to DEP that could have been interpreted to mean he might be a threat to the tire sites. He said that prior to the beginning of the bid process, he had commented if it wasn't for his family to help him keep his sanity, he might burn the tires.

The comment, said Gordon, was not meant seriously and was simply made out of frustration with a decade of dealing with DEP over tire removal and regulations.

Gordon cited an incident about 10 years ago, when he had removed about 35,000 tires from the Albany site to comply with a DEP directive. He saved one good tire to use and had leaned it against his vehicle, he said. A DEP official, Gordon said, arrived to inspect the site and took a photo of the tire, threatening him with a \$10,000 fine for noncompliance.

What will happen to Gordon if the appeal is denied and the job goes to Schofield?

"I'll have to sit there and watch it happen," he said.

MAR 2000

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: Gilead voters approved a 21 percent budget increase at their annual meeting. Mildred McLain was elected as town clerk for the 32nd consecutive year.

The Newry planning board approved a proposed Powder Ridge subdivision and condominium development.

The Bethel board of selectmen was proposing a 12.4 percent budget hike for 1991.

It was announced that the November 1989 Maine Education Assessment testing in the Telstar Middle School eighth grade showed results at the state level of higher.

Births: Brooks Edward Schan-delmeier, Michael David Fleet.

Death: Harriett M. Bell.

20 years ago: Roland Joseph (Joe) Kneeland, formerly of West Bethel, was appointed manager of manufacturing responsible for mill operations in Fort Frances and Kenour, Ontario, Canada by Boise Cascade Canada, Ltd.

Personnel changes at the U.S. Forest Service in Bethel included: forester Terry Miller, leaving in mid-April for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.; Dave Covey, forestry technician, who had arrived in late December and district ranger, Mark Boche, who arrived in mid-February.

A Laos family, recent refugees in an American-run camp in Thailand, arrived in Bethel and were guests of Bob and Jane Grover. Khamvone and Thongphat Vongsay, their four children and his younger brother, were sponsored by the Grovers, who had known Khamvone since their stay in Laos in 1966-68.

Deaths: Hilda M. Platt, Ruth F. Ring.

30 years ago: Ground was broken for Davidson Hall, a new Gould Academy dormitory at the corner of Church and Winter streets. The project also included two tennis courts fronting on Elm Street.

Two converted foul shots after time had expired gave Jonesport-Beals High School the Maine Class "S" schoolboy basketball crown by a 66 to 64 margin over Gould Academy. The state title contest was played on the Colby College court in Waterville.

Telstar boys won the State Class "B" school championship with 388.38 points and Oxford Hills took second honors with 373.34. Telstar's Kevin Trinward was the meet skier as outstanding four-event skier.

The Oxford Hills High School girls edged the Telstar skiers to win the State Class "B" title. Telstar's Cindy Kailey was skier as outstanding skier. The SAD44 board of directors accepted the resignations of three teachers planning to retire in June 1970 after many years in the area schools. They were Alice Ballard, 43 years; Libbie Kneeland, 26 years and Elizabeth Lord, 20 years.

Birth: Alan Morton.

Deaths: Frank N. Bjorklund, Charles J. Cornell, Peter M. MacDonald.

40 years ago:

Briefly

Safety committee urges new site

BETHEL—The Public Safety Committee told the Board of Selectmen Monday the present site of the town fire station is too small to meet the town's present and future needs. Engineer Bruce Haskell, a consultant hire by the committee to analyze options on the current site, presented a number of possible configurations for a new building on the site, but all, he said, had serious drawbacks and would likely end up costing more money in the long run than would building a new facility at another location. And after studying all the potential locations available within a mile and half of the village, committee members said, they have concluded the best location for a new facility would be Bethel Station. Land in the project costs more initially than at other nearby sites, noted committee member Punky Davis, but a parcel in Bethel Station would have access to essential services and in the end be less costly to develop. The selectmen, despite some misgivings regarding cost, appeared to concur. At the suggestion of Public Safety Committee Chairman Don Vatour, the selectmen agreed to restructure the committee, by adding three members of the Fire Department, two members of the Rescue Service and six members from the community at large. The charge of the restructured committee will be to educate the public regarding the need for a new facility, and to analyze potential sites, design options and costs.

Police to seek OUI enforcement grant

BETHEL—The town will apply for a \$5,000 federal grant aimed at strengthening the enforcement of operating-under-the-influence laws here. Police Chief Darren Tripp told the Board of Selectmen that similar federal funds are currently being used by the State Police and county Sheriff's Department to help with their OUI enforcement. If the grant application is successful, Tripp said, it would be used to beef up patrols during problem periods, not to set up special exercises such as road blocks. Tripp said studies show that after 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, approximately 60 percent of drivers are "impaired" to some degree by alcohol. "I want everybody to know we're out there and why we're out there — to keep the roads safe for everyone," he said.

Upton meeting goes smoothly

UPTON—Upton's Town Meeting last Thursday was nearly a carbon copy of last year's — all articles approved in approximately 45 minutes. Much of the 45 minutes was taken up by balloting for Walter Stanczyk, who holds three offices in Upton — and who ran unopposed for all three positions. "I won again," became Stanczyk's standard announcement after counting the ballots on each vote. Other incumbents were also returned to office.

Rumford biker recovered

LEWISTON—Mountain biker Keith Broomhall of Rumford has defied doctors' predictions he would never walk again, following a biking accident last summer at Sunday River Ski Resort. Broomhall severely cracked a neck vertebrae after being thrown from his bike on Labor Day weekend. He was taken by LifeFlight helicopter to Central Maine Medical Center, where surgery was successfully performed. The prognosis, however, was that he would not be able to walk. But after about two weeks, Broomhall got movement back in his legs. Now, he is able to water ski, ride a motorcycle, motocross — and may even take up mountain biking again. He has also returned to work as a welder.

Get your junker towed

WEST PARIS—The West Paris "Old Home Days" committee is looking for old, junk vehicles to tow to benefit the town event. A local towing business will take vehicles away at no charge, in exchange for a \$10 donation to OHD. To arrange towing call Donna Marshall at 674-2875 or the West Paris Town Office at 674-2701.

Hit the road, seniors

LEWISTON—Seniors from Oxford County are invited to join the Lewiston Senior Citizens group in trips planned for this year. Examples of trips include the Hampton Music Theater, N.H., Tall Ships, Boston and Songo Queen, Naples. For more information call 784-2926.

Leave No Trace class offered

LANDER, Wyo.—The National Outdoor Leadership School and Leave No Trace, Inc. will offer a LNT hiking course in Newry from May 29 through June 2. The course will focus on minimum-impact camping and travel techniques, wildland ethics and effective teaching methods. Other concerns include minimizing campfire impacts, properly disposing of human waste, and considering the effect of individual hikers on other visitors. Anyone interested in the course should e-mail outreach@nols.edu.

Resort won't change "squaw"

BIG SQUAW MOUNTAIN—The owner of the Big Squaw Mountain Resort does not plan to change its name despite the Legislature's approval of a bill to ban the word "squaw" from names of geographical locations in Maine. Exempt from the bill are private properties like the ski resort, but the name of the mountain itself would be changed. James Confalone said Monday he would change his resort's name only if all Mainers have an opportunity to vote on the issue. He also said he does not feel that the word is offensive. "I feel that the governor and the Legislature got ambushed by a small group of Indians," Confalone said. American Indians who lobbied the Legislature to ban the word say its meaning is offensive and roughly equates to "whore."

New park rules on "jet skis"

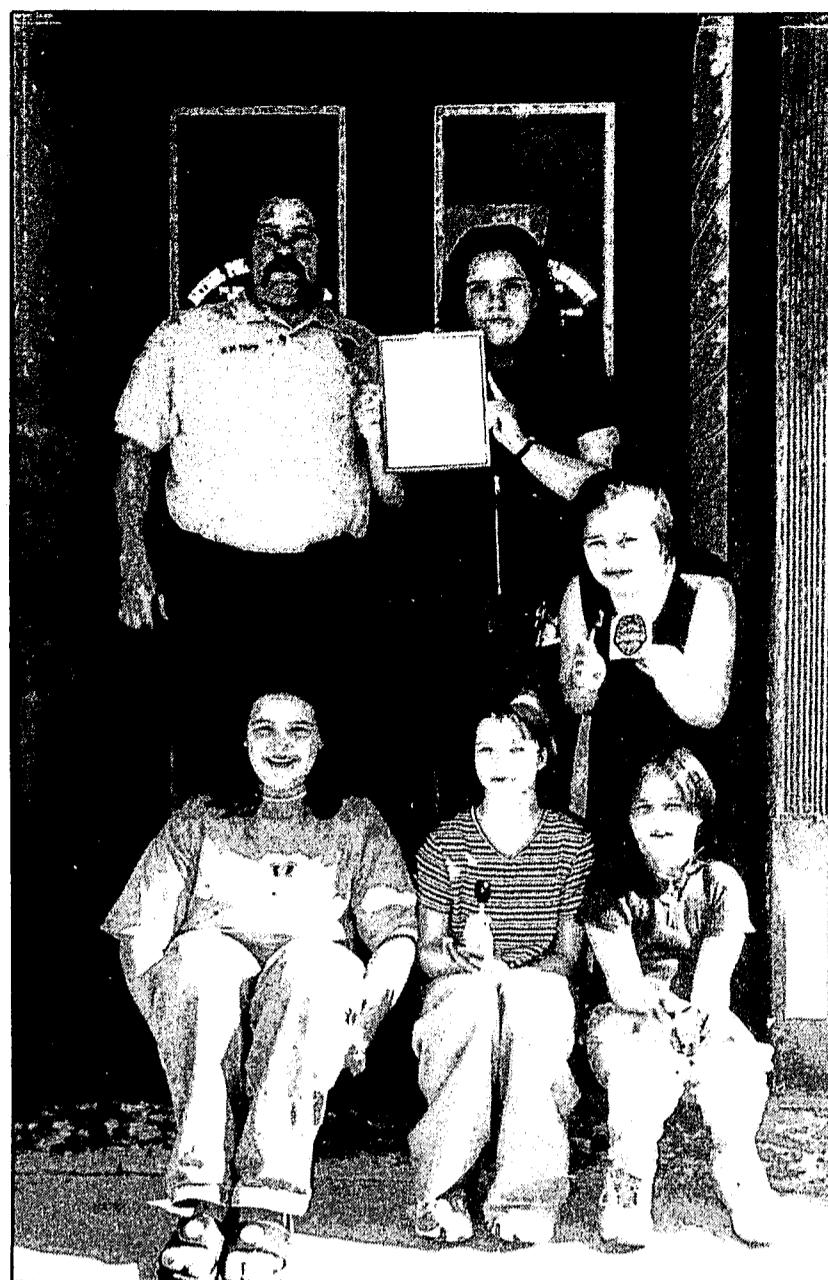
WASHINGTON—The federal government is banning "jet skis" and their like at scores of national parks and seashores but letting them roar on in the parks where they're used most. In issuing regulations that take effect April 20, the National Park Service acknowledged Tuesday it was trying to pursue a middle path. Under the Park Service regulations, jet skis will be banned in 66 parks, recreational areas and seashores, although in many of those areas the craft have not been widely used. At the same time, the craft may continue to be used at 10 federal recreational areas where water sports traditionally have been a focus of activity. And the agency gave 11 other park areas — mostly federal seashores — a two-year grace period before they have to eliminate jet ski use, or obtain a special approval.

Endangered species guide offered

AUGUSTA—A new publication, "Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Maine: A Guide to Assist with Forestry Activities," is now available for forest landowners, foresters and loggers. It is intended to help them better recognize and manage for endangered species habitats in Maine. The pocket guide provides species descriptions, photographs, range maps and forest management recommendations. To order a copy by mail, send name, address and a check for \$2.17 (made out to Treasurer, State of Maine) to cover postage to: Endangered Species Forestry Guide, Information Center, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., 41 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0041. Copies are also available at Maine Cooperative Extension county offices.

More teens in car = more crashes

CHICAGO—The more young people you pack into a car with a teenager behind the wheel, the more likely the driver will die in a crash, a study found. The problem is "general foolishness and distractions" for drivers who are just getting to know the rules of the road, said Robert Foss of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center. Researchers found that 16-year-olds carrying one passenger were 39 percent more likely to get killed than those driving alone. That increased to 86 percent with two passengers and 182 percent with three or more. The rate for 17-year-olds was even higher: 48 percent, 158 percent and 207 percent, respectively. Teen accidents were also found to increase significantly after 10 p.m. at night.



GOOD JOB—Babysitter Jessica Richards of Mechanic Falls was recognized by the Bethel Police Department for her clear-headed action in protecting the four Tuttle children from a burglar Monday night. Shown are (front): Jessica, April and Danielle Tuttle; (back) Tripp, Richards and Rachel Tuttle. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

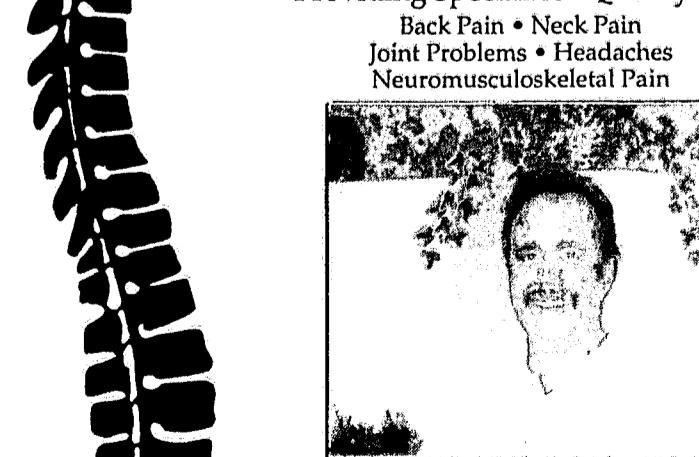
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Off-road and over the limit

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Thursday, March 16

At 8:30 p.m. police responded to a complaint that a subject had passed a stopped school bus with lights flashing on Main Street. On March 17 police issued a summons to Barbara Mahler, 69, of Bethel for the offense.

Friday, March 17

At 7:25 p.m. while on routine patrol police observed two vehicles traveling west on Railroad Street at a high rate of speed. On stopping the vehicle it was discovered the lead vehicle was being operated by a 14-year-old boy. The second vehicle was a relative of the boy, who was attempting to stop them. The passenger, Arthur Thomas, 72, of Bryant Pond, was arrested for permitting unlawful use and the boy was summonsed for operating without a license.

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Gilead

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Gilead residents will not be able to vote for Mildred McLean as town clerk. McLean is retiring for health reasons, said Corriveau. McLean's daughter, Lin Chapman, has been handling most of the clerk's duties and will likely be voted into the

office Saturday, Corriveau said. All other incumbent officials are expected to run again unopposed, she said.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Woodstock

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Accounts showing increases Road, solid waste and Fire Department costs are proposed to increase for 2000.

The Winter Roads Account would increase by \$5,000 (to \$60,000), summer roads by \$8,000 (to \$43,000) if voters approve.

The accounts had been held steady for several years, Maxfield said, but were overdrawn, and selectmen are finally proposing to simply up the accounts.

Another \$4,500 is recommended to rebuild a section of the Cushman Road.

The Highway Truck Reserve Account recommendation is \$35,000, up from the \$20,000 voted in 1999. Of this year's amount, \$20,000 would be taken from tree growth. Maxfield said the increased cost of vehicles prompted selectmen to up the recommendation.

Also recommended is \$4,000 to purchase a plow for the town's plow truck.

The solid waste account is proposed at \$90,000, up from \$80,000 last year. Other towns have seen similar increases in costs.

In Fire Department expenses, selectmen are recommending \$20,000 be raised toward an addition for the fire station. The Fire Truck Reserve Account would grow by \$15,000 if approved, up from the \$10,000 appropriated last year. Department operating costs are recommended at \$25,000, up from \$20,000.

Maxfield said that overall, Woodstock has one of the lowest fire

department budgets in the area.

With the county tax and estimated school commitment, the total Woodstock budget would total approximately \$1,358,500. The amount to be collected from taxes would be \$899,382, up \$40,000 from 1999. The estimated mil rate would be .01384, compared to last year's .01365.

Voters will also decide whether to discontinue a public easement on an old road connecting Route 26 to Route 232 at the top of Merrifield Hill (see Letter to Editor, page 2). Selectmen are recommending in favor of the article, Maxfield said.

Also on the warrant is an article to require candidates for office to take out nomination papers and obtain a minimum of 25 signatures. "A few people asked that we consider it again," said Maxfield. A similar article was soundly defeated in 1989.

If approved, names of nominees would be printed on ballots to be made available at annual Town Meeting.

In this year's municipal elections, Nancy Willard is the only official candidate for a seat to be vacated by Elton Cole. School Board member Phil Korhonen is again running for the seat he currently holds, with no known opposition.

Library trustees Earlene Rosenberg and Lisa Mack are not running again for their seats, which are up for election. Althea Hathaway and Dorene Wilbur are candidates for the positions, Maxfield said.

NOTICE TO VETERANS

If you are a Veteran and will be 62 or older by April 1, 2000 and have not yet applied for a VETERANS EXEMPTION please come to the Town Office before April 1, 2000 and apply.

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Maple syrup

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Fred Burk listens for the "thud," indicating that the tap has been placed correctly. The paint on the tree marks tap holes from previous years. The blue tubes will draw the sap to a collecting tank, and replace the old sap buckets that need to be collected individually.

(Photo by Rebecca Zicarelli)

by hours working over a steamy evaporator for a small amount of maple syrup.

The warm days and cold nights of March and April make the sap run. As the sun warms the trees, pressure inside a maple tree causes sap to rise through the sap wood of the tree to the branches. This sap will provide the leaf buds with the nutrients to grow new foliage.

At night, as the temperatures cool below freezing, the sap runs again, only this time it runs down, back to the roots.

The repeated heating and cooling cycles of the local climate cause repeated runs of sap, allowing enough sugar to course through the tree for it to be collected and concentrated into maple syrup.

When the nights stay above freezing and the days turn toward T-shirt weather, the sugar in the sap begins to turn to starch. Then, the leaves will begin to form, and the sap will taste buddy instead of sweet. Another sugar season will come to an end.

The biggest change in the maple sugaring industry occurred in 1972, when plastic tubing vacuum systems were invented. Plastic tubes, rather than buckets, are connected to the taps. The sap runs down through the tubes to a tank, where large amounts of sap can be gathered at once.

Frequently, a tube system will have a food grade vacuum pump connected to it. The vacuum pump does not pump the sap out of the tree, but creates a vacuum in the lines of tubing, making it easier for the sap to run out the line. Vacuums also help keep the lines clean.

Most small producers continued to tap their trees with buckets, but large producers switched to the new labor-saving tubing systems.

Today, Canada is the world's leading producer of maple syrup, and the leader in innovating sugaring technology. The Canadian sugaring industry is government subsidized, allowing small operations to expand quickly.

Until quite recently, Canadian syrup was produced in enormous quantities that virtually flooded the American market, shutting out local producers. But the worldwide interest in foods that are natural, exotic, and gourmet has opened vast markets for maple syrup in both Europe and Asia. It is possible for a small, local producer to tap trees in hopes of selling syrup locally without Canadian competition.

And all the syrup made gets sold.

Managing a Sugarbush

Fred Burk has been sugaring for nearly two decades. He began when a man working at his shop hit a maple tree with a skidder. The sap

began to run out of the wound, so they put a pan under it, and boiled it down on the shop stove. Burk has been boiling maple sap each mud season ever since.

"It's part of the farm economy,"

Burk said. "In mud season, there isn't a lot to do to keep two or three guys busy when you still have to pay them."

Burk's sugarbush is between his

home, on the Sunday River Road,

and the Sunday River itself. Burk,

a professional arborist and owner

of Sunday River Tree Service,

tends his sugarbush with care.

With the first snow, he begins

plowing snow around his holding

tanks and sugar-house. "Sap goes

sour, just like milk," he said. The

deep banks of snow help to keep

the sap cold, and slow the souring

process.

Ideally, the sap should be boiled

every day," Burk said. "Two days

is bad, unless it's frozen. As it sits

bacteria eat the sugars. That makes

the syrup darker. If you wait too

long, it can give it a moldy taste,

just like an old canvas camp tent

smells, moldy." Maple producers

always taste the syrup and bad or

off-tasting batches get dumped.

Burk begins the sugaring season

on the first warm days in January

or February by washing his buckets

and sterilizing his taps. "That's not

to help humans," he said, "but to

protect trees. There are vascular

diseases that you don't want to

carry from tree to tree."

Burk still collects sap in buckets,

but he has also been installing tub-

ing to collect his sap. "I like the old

way better," he said. The labor sav-

ings of the tubing make it worth

while. There are no longer two or

three workers around to keep busy — Burk does his sugaring on his own.

He leaves his main lines up year-long, and coils up the branch lines, leaving them in the woods, to be installed anew each year.

The main lines need to be in-spected before the beginning of each sugaring season. They are susceptible to damage from blow downs and animals. Bear and squirrels will gnaw at them to get at the sugar residue they contain. Moose will walk right through the lines and knock them down. The lines may have sagged, and need to be pulled tight, as well.

Burk checks the previous year's tap holes to make sure they've healed properly. If they haven't, then he won't tap the tree. He also wants to place this year's taps away from other tap scars. A tap scar kills the cambium layer of the bark three to four inches on either side of it, and six inches above and below. "You need to stagger your taps so that you don't girdle the tree," he said.

A cordless drill makes tapping easier for Burk. He drills each tap hole about two inches into the sap wood, where the sap runs. The tap won't sit in that far, but it creates a small reservoir to collect the sap.

The tap holes are drilled at a slight upward angle. This helps the sap drain out when a run stops. Otherwise, it could freeze in the tree and force the tap out.

Burk carries a twig in his mouth, and after drilling each tap hole he uses it to brush the sawdust out. "I like to tap when the sap's running," he said, "then it washes the holes out."

He pounds each tap in, knowing when to stop by the sound. It changes from a hollow tapping to a thud. "Go any further, and you could split the bark."

After setting the tap, Burk connects the feeder line, and then checks it for sags. "The sap will freeze in a sag," he said, "and that slows down your run. You've got to stretch the lines out taut."

Recently, Burk has been using a new kind of tap from Canada called the Health Spout. It is smaller than the older taps. The smaller tap holes heal faster, protecting the health of the trees. They also require investing in smaller tubing to attach to the taps.

As Burk looks around his sugarbush, he says, "This is the only part of the world where you can make maple syrup. It needs this climate and these soils."

Fred Burk sells all of his maple syrup out of his sugarhouse. He welcomes visitors to look at his sugaring operation.

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East Stoneham



by
Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. If I
can get
"Priscilla" the cat
off my desk, I'll
try and write a
few news items.
She thinks she has to help.

Well, the news last week was that the Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 4. There were about 40 people there and 65 articles were voted on.

Carlton F. Barker resigned as road commissioner and Tom Parker was nominated in. Albert E. Nelson Sr. declined his nomination as sexton and the position is to be filled by the selectmen's choice. These two were given a round of applause for their many years of services to the town. John Woodbury will no longer be building inspector/code enforcement officer, and also should have been recognized for his many years in this position, which involves a lot of time and effort for the town. Good job fellers. Brian O'Donnell was elected for this position.

Our State Senator, Norman K. Ferguson, from Senate District 24, was present at one point of the meeting. Also our State Representative, Arlan R. Jodrey, from House District 65, was there.

Heather Lee continues as Stoneham town clerk and tax collector, and Mary Fox as treasurer. Things went quite smoothly. By Article Nine they took a break, and Jim Tindler gave out papers to members and talked about how our money is spent and where and used a graph to demonstrate and explain it all.

At noon, a delicious lunch was served by the firemen's ladies auxiliary. They did a great job with steamed hot dogs, hot chili and all kinds of desserts with hot coffee, etc.

After lunch, Dan Barker, chairman of the cemetery committee, got up and spoke about the need to prune and take care of many trees that have fallen in the cemeteries and also about stones that need repair. This will be a major cost to the town if done as should be.

Another issue was about voting to charge for use of the Town Hall for private purposes. The selectmen will appoint a committee to discuss and decide on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned in the early afternoon.

On Monday night there was a Republican Caucus meeting here at Eleanor Nelson's home, with four members present. Business at hand

was taken care of along with discussion about the candidates. The meeting adjourned about 8:30 p.m.

On Tuesday (Super Tuesday), voting at the Stoneham Fire Station community room took place. (When I sat down here, I didn't think I had anything to write about. It takes awhile to get going.) Phyllis Adams and myself were ballot clerks for the day with Heather Lee as town clerk. We had a fairly good turnout of voters but not as good as we expected. It will be different in the fall, we hope.

There were two meetings recently -- the Stoneham Knight Riders Snowmobile Club and the Oxford County Republicans meeting, and we didn't go to either one. I guess old age is getting to us (me anyway). I hope to get to next month's meeting. I did go to the Stoneham Church meeting held last night at the home of Dwight and Mary Grover. There were nine of us around the table and a lot of business was discussed and taken care of. The supper planning meeting will be at my house on April 5 at 7 p.m.

The Christian Women United supper will be held at 6 p.m. on April 13 at the First Congregational Church in South Paris. Maundy Thursday at North Waterford Church at 5:30 p.m., April 20.

The next Stoneham Church meeting will be at the Stoneham Congregational Church UCC on May 17 at 7 p.m.

On March 25 there will be a benefit supper for Matthew Bolduc at the North Waterford Church Vestry. Matthew is having very serious medical problems.

March 17 was St. Patrick's Day.

This was Gladys Kilgore's favorite day. By the way, I recently heard from Paul and Charlotte Taylor.

Paul is getting along okay and Charlotte will be having knee surgery soon. They will be moving to Rye, N.H. in April or May hopefully.

March 20 was the first day of spring. Two of my calendars say March 20 and one says March 21. I guess we pick whichever one we want it to be. The sooner the better I say. March is marching right along. I guess I'm marching a little slow. I was a couple days late in getting the column out and it didn't make the Bethel paper last week.

Will try and do better from now on and hope it gets in this week. Some people do miss it. I don't know why, but they do. They usually let me know if it isn't there.

Okay people, here it is: North Waterford Church suppers are Tuesdays -- June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22. Stoneham

Church suppers are Thursdays -- June 22, July 20, Aug. 17 (Turkey Supper), Sept. 7 regular and Oct. 12 (Harvest Supper). The Family Banquet (formerly Mother-Daughter Banquet) will be May 4. More details later with price and times.

I was at the dinner at noon this week at the church on Main Street, Norway, and what a lot of people go there. It really is a good thing to do for people in the area.

Willis Learned is back home now after being in the hospital. Hope you're better now, Willis. We're thinking of you.

The snow has really disappeared the last few days. What nice springy days we've had lately. Albert is happy -- he's got three big loads of wood to work on for next year's customers.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley
Windy Valleys
Sno-Mobile Club
M.S.A. director-
alternate, Bill and
Sylvia Wight,

were at the Linneus Sno-Sports Clubhouse, south of Houlton, on Saturday, March 18 for the 359th Directors' Meeting and Presidents' Night II. Dinner was at 6 p.m. and the meeting was held at 7:30 p.m.

Karlene Bacheader, Bea Lowell and Gil Seeley went to the Oxford Lanes in Rumford one day last week to do some bowling for fun. On the first string, Karlene beat Gil by 12 pins. On the second string, Karlene and Bea tied with a string of 81, beating Gil by eight pins. On the third string, Gil's 91 beat Karlene's 82 by nine pins, so, Gil was high on the singles, but Karlene was high on the triples, beating Gil by 10 pins. She had four spares and Gil had one spare. They all went to lunch and did some shopping.

Katie Wight celebrated her 16th birthday on March 19 at the home of her parents, Brad and Brenda Wight, with 21 friends and relatives in attendance. The birthday cakes were made by Katie's mother. Happy Birthday, Katie.

The Newry Mothers Club met on Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m. A discussion was held on having the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party on April 22 at 10 a.m. All children are welcome. Also, a Janine Fleet Scholarship will be offered this year. The next meeting will be April 10 at 7:30 p.m.



A mother holds a child with a cleft palate outside a Rotaplast Clinic in Bolivia.

Rotary funds send local doctor to Bolivia

Dr. Michael Liberti of Bethel recently took part in a volunteer medical trip to Cochabamba, Bolivia as a member of a Rotaplast team. Rotaplast is an international organization based in San Francisco that sends eight to 10 medical teams per year to various countries throughout the world to perform cleft lip and cleft palate surgery on people who would otherwise not be able to obtain these procedures. In addition to the cleft lip and cleft palate cases, other congenital deformities, injuries and burn cases are addressed.

Rotaplast is sponsored by Rotary International and Rotary clubs throughout the world. This recent trip to Bolivia was sponsored by Rotary District 4690 of Maine, with a large portion of the sponsorship coming from the Bethel Rotary Club.

During the two-and-a-half week trip, the Rotaplast team evaluated over 160 cases and performed surgery on 60 people. Most of the patients were children, ranging from five weeks of age on up. The oldest patient was a 25-year-old girl.

The transformation in these children was incredible according to Liberti. To be part of a team that took severely deformed children and made them whole again was an experience that is very hard to put into words.

Watching the intense joy on the parents' faces in the recovery room when they looked down at their babies that only an hour or two earlier had been destined to a life of shame and ridicule because of the unfortunate luck of being born with a cleft lip deformity, and now seeing them transformed into a beautiful whole person with an equal chance for success in the world, was a very emotional and wonderful experience, Liberti said.

The case of the 25-year-old girl who had her lip repaired was especially touching. This girl had led a life of almost total seclusion. She tended to a sheep herd in the mountains and almost never went into town because of her severe deformity, which not only looked bad, but also made her speech almost unintelligible.

However, to look into her eyes you could see that she was a bright and wonderful person, Liberti said.

When she heard about the Rotaplast program coming to Bolivia, she traveled with the help of her brother-in-law 18 hours by bus to Cochabamba in the hope of receiving help.

She was one of the lucky ones accepted for surgery, and when she looked in the mirror after the procedure the twinkle in her eye said it all; life had changed. Through her still difficult speech, the first thing she said was, "Now I will go to school."

The 28-member team was made up of volunteers from all over the United States. In addition to the six members from Maine, the states of Oregon, California, Colorado, Arizona and New York were represented.

The entire program is paid for by donations from individuals and businesses. None of the volunteers are paid and in fact, many actually pay for their own plane tickets to the various destinations. The individual cost to the volunteers is quite high, when you consider that they are losing three weeks from their own jobs and professions, but most feel that the personal and emotional rewards are well worth it.

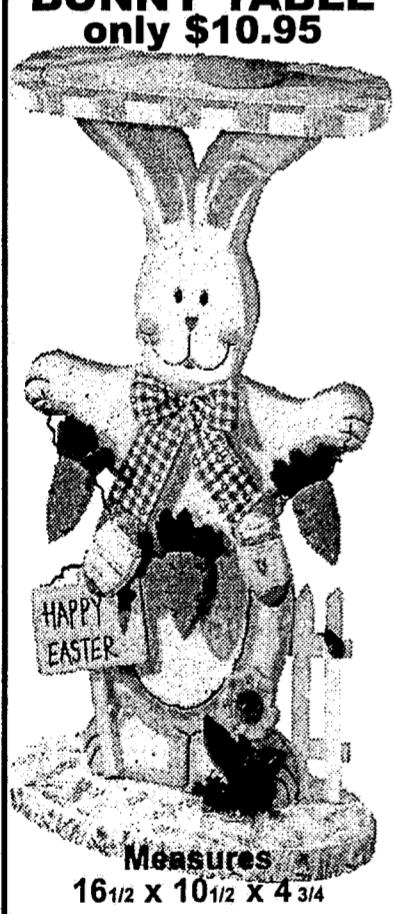
Although most individuals won't have the opportunity to go on a volunteer mission such as this, Liberti said everyone can contribute. The cost of each surgery calculated out to about \$400, so individuals who make contributions to Rotaplast through the Bethel Rotary Club can know that their money goes a long way toward changing the life of a child.

Liberti now plans to try and go on one Rotaplast trip per year. "When I was first invited to join this team, I thought it would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but after being a part of such a wonderful program, I hope to be able to donate three weeks per year to a Rotaplast trip."

The people of Bethel who have supported the Bethel Rotary Club fundraisers in the past should be very proud of what they've done to help unfortunate children throughout the world, Liberti said.

Donations to the Rotaplast program can be made by contacting Dr. Liberti at Bethel Station Chiropractic Office at 824-3899, or Anita Remington at Northeast Bank at 824-2117.

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Bryant Pondby
Alice Hoyt

Judith Grover Tent 17, D.U.V., met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday evening, March 13, for a regular meeting. Thirteen members were present. Plans were made for the senior citizen dinner to be held April 6. There was also discussion about the sale we have each May. It will be held May 13 this year and anyone wishing to rent a table for \$3 may call Helvi at 665-2915 or Alice at 665-2460. Kathleen McAllister filled in as senior vice president. The charter was draped in memory of Margaret Williams, a past department president. Money and a card were sent to Stacy House White for their new son, Beatrice Farnum, council number two; Harriett Estes, treasurer, and Sally Sawyer, guide were installed by the past president, Elsie Bonney. Correspondences were received, including a thank you from Cystic Fibrosis for money collected; an invitation from Haskell-Marston Camp 56 and Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to a tribute night at Yarmouth honoring World War II veterans; a letter from Kathleen Sinclair, department junior vice president, for a donation to awards for military academies and from President Helvi Cary, who is department patriotic instructor with fundraiser for G.A.R. Fund. Fifty calls were reported. Helvi Cary received the mystery box. A silent auction and tasting party were held after the meeting. The next meeting is April 10.

Remember kids, Patch the Pirate Club and Little Adventurers meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the same time as prayer meeting for adults at the Baptist Church. Missions Conference is March 24 to 26.

The following are speakers, John Jobe of Baptist World Mission, Randy Boardman with Baptist World Mission, Bob Rutledge with Gospel Fellowship Association in England and Bob Mitchell, New Testament Baptist Missions. A Missions Banquet will be held Saturday, March 25 at 5 p.m.

News from Whitman Memorial Library; Children's Story Hour is 10 to 11 a.m. on March 25 with reading, food, fun, games and prizes; National Library Week is



606 YEARS—Mundt-Allen American Legion Post in Bethel recently honored 11 Legionnaires who have been members for 50 years or more — for a total of 606 years. Shown are (front, from left): Ernest Angevine, Avery Angevine, Henry Robertson, Tom Kennagh, Ken Ramage. Back: Post Commander Sonny Bean, Emerson Clough, Glen Payne (second vice commander for the state of Maine), Herb Kittridge. Absent from photo: Warren Powers, Charles Merrill, Albert Raymond, Pete Baker.

from April 9 to 15; special events every afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.; Saturday is Story Hour from 10 to 11 a.m. Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is closed Sunday and Monday. During National Library Week all overdue books may be returned for free. The library continues to receive new books. The coffeepot is on and "The Bethel Citizen" is in. Go check them out.

Tri-Town Ambulance will hold a supper on Saturday, April 8, at the West Paris Grange Hall from 4:30 to 6 p.m. This is a turkey supper with all the fixings. Come help support your Tri-Town Ambulance.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on April 6 at the Grange Hall for Easter dinner put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Linda Hooker from TRIAD will be the program speaker. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. and dinner follows with the program in the afternoon.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet

on Monday, April 3. The program is Junior and Youth Night with refreshments.

The Historical Society tries to include something to appeal to everyone in its collections. At the March meeting of the society, Elsie Bonney of the program committee challenged members with a Civil War trivia contest. Questions ranged from how many soldiers died in the war to what their diet consisted of. Kathleen Bean gave the research committee report. Linwood Andrews donated several books to the society. The building committee discussed adding vents downstairs in the museum to relieve dampness. Curator Larry Billings reported that he had been invited to a reception at the Blaine House. Carnations from Designs in Bethel decorated the refreshment table which President Elaine Roberts and Ruth Cox filled with delicious food. The next meeting will feature a silent auction arranged by Ruth Cox. There was much discussion during the business meeting regarding the answers to the test, so everyone seemed to get involved in the evening.

Curator Larry Billings says there are many things one learns or hears about over the years working for the historical society. He knows only partial details about some. For instance, did you know that there were supposedly both a mink farm and a brickyard somewhere in Woodstock at one time? Two presidents visited, but Larry cannot remember for sure which ones; he thinks they were Grant and Coolidge, but he is not sure. He feels reasonably sure about Coolidge because he was a fisherman and of course Lake Christopher was great for fishing back then. Naturally, Mrs. Hayes lived in Bryant Pond,

but no one seems to know if President Hayes was ever here. There is a lost gold mine somewhere in Woodstock. Barbara Hathaway has a little information on it in a book a relative wrote, and it is marked on several maps so generalized one could not be sure of finding it.

Ruby Emery used to tell of a murder on Merryfield Hill. There were supposedly a number of men out in Milton who claimed to have their doctorates, but exactly how or if they got them no one seems to know, perhaps some sort of diploma mill. Birchmere has always been known locally as the "Haunted House," probably because of the mausoleum over there. The Ku Klux Klan once met in the old Chase store. We had a doctor and a photographer in town years ago. We have mementos of both in the museum. The society has a handwritten journal from Governor Sidney Perham, who was born and buried in Woodstock.

Locke Mills

by
Lorraine Larson
Since it's been a couple of weeks since I wrote last, I'm trying to remember what I've been doing all that time.

On March 1, I had my annual checkup, but I already wrote about that. On the 6th, I took Ann Fitzmorris shopping and although we left early for us, I barely made it back in time to go to Fannie Cummings' funeral. She was such a dear lady and we are all going to miss her. I am glad that funerals are becoming more and more celebratory.

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tions of life and less and less dirges of doom and death. Yes, we are sad but as I sat there and listened to Dottie and Becky West and Debbie and Stephanie Grant sing one of Fannie's favorite hymns there was a smile through the tears as I pictured in my mind Fannie standing before the heavenly choir saying, "Now listen, that's the way that hymn should be sung." When Fannie spoke, things got done and for us indecisive people that is a blessing. For such a little person she has left a mighty big hole.

On Wednesday, Andy and I were in Lewiston, where he saw his oncologist, and then we visited Ellie and Fred Peterson and then had lunch with his aunt and uncle, Norma and Fritz Peterson.

Friday saw us back in Lewiston again. This time I left him at CMMC, at 7 a.m. no less. That means getting up at 5 a.m., and I am not a morning person. Dr. Monzel performed one of those cscopy things and since I couldn't stay with him, I went to Ellie's and spent the day. He didn't get out of CMMC until 3 p.m. and as he was pretty tired we went straight home.

Betsy Foster tells me that my cat, Jack, goes across the street and calls to her cat, Cosmo, until he comes to the window. You'd think he would have enough cats here to play and talk with, but I guess it's the same as coming from a seven-child human family. They each have their own friends they like to play with. The grass always looks greener on the other side of the street.

Andy's cat, Garbo, is bored to tears with this weather, so she is running through the house trying her claws out on each piece of furniture that looks as if it was made especially for cats. Andy tells her to cut it out but it only lasts a short time. What to do? What to do? Humans and animals alike are looking forward to spring; ah, flowers, ducks, birds, no fuel bills, barbecues and green leaves -- and black flies and ticks.

And speaking of spring, don't forget the annual Town Meeting coming up Saturday, March 25. They are always fun and the fire department auxiliary puts on a dinner at noon to benefit the Fire Relief Fund. There are casseroles, baked beans, rolls and pies. If the winter has gotten you down, take the family out to dinner. Elders and youngsters alike can profit by attending the Town Meeting and having a good meal to boot. Hope to see you there.

Sunday River Valley

by
Rockie Graham
Just a short column to welcome the official spring. The weather promises to behave for a few days. That is, until the next snowstorm.

I have to sing the praises of several young men. We always do teenagers, but these two have stepped right in and since November have been maintaining the Harrington farm, feeding the cows, horses, chickens, ducks and the burro and helping out Brad. I speak of Ramsey and Danny. What they are doing was not unusual 50 years ago, but it is in the year 2000. I for one am very impressed with them.

That is all for this week. I'm off to the big cities of Augusta and Portland today in my new car, herein called the "Grape." Have a good week and enjoy this good weather while it lasts.

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Uptonby
Eleanor LeCorde

The first Town Meeting of the new century was held on Thursday, March 16. It was fairly well attended with approximately 25 citizens present. It was an innocuous Town Meeting for Upton. There were no controversial articles. Discussion was held on some of the voters on the upcoming paving of the town office, garage, and library complex were excellent and well received. Every effort will be expended to visibly improve the area.

Concern about the wiring at the library was expressed. This will be done as soon as the snow is gone. The old wiring will be removed. New wiring from the pole to the service entry will be installed.

Town officers elected were: Wendy Hanscom, moderator; Walter Stanczy, tax collector, treasurer, and town clerk; Larry Nelson, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor, for three years; Sue Nelson for school board, for three years.

Roger Lavallee has requested that he not be appointed road commissioner this year. He has served in that capacity for four years. It is a very tough job in the winter, and he needs a rest. The town thanks him for a job well done.

On Saturday, March 18, several people attended the Portland Symphony at the Rumford High School Auditorium. It was a presentation with Toshiyuki Shimada as music director and conductor. The auditorium was packed with standing room only available.

Monday, the first day of spring, was duly noted as a sunny, very cold day. "Spring is here, the grass has riz, I wonder where the birdies is," does not apply to Upton till late April or early May.

On March 19, to celebrate the onset of spring, a picnic was held out on the ice at the mouth of the Dead Cambridge River. Hot dogs, hamburgers and two-alarm chili were served along with suitable liquid refreshments of hot cocoa, hot coffee, and hot toddy. Attempts at fishing through the ice came up empty. Not a "flag" went up in four hours.

If anyone tells you about the "big one" they caught, you can be sure they are charter members of the Liars Club. Kites were flown in near perfect wind conditions. One plastic kite went up to about 500 feet and stayed in position for about an hour. A good time was had-by all.

Jessica and Caitlyn Casey are the proud owners of a new Shetland pony. He isn't exactly new. He is 20 years old, and we are thinking of putting him on the voting list. His name is "Teaspoon." It befits his diminutive stature.

The "Bird of the Week" is the bald eagle. No less than four were spotted circling over Buster and Ginny Williamson's house. All four had mature plumage. They were seen by a number of people. I was not fortunate enough to see them.

A big "Thank You" to Penny Poor of Andover for her letter telling us about the birds she viewed while "sugaring" in Andover. She spotted a northern shrike eating some poor victim in the snow, a flock of purple finches and a red-wing blackbird heading for Upton. She has a great book to refer to when she is "birding" — "Partners in Flight" by Ehrlick, Dubkin and

Wheye. She also states that if you see a barred owl or any other owl, you can report it to Tom Hedgeman at 941-4482. Let us know if you see any unusual birds, also. I agree with Penny, birds are fun.

That black mink ran through the yard again. I think that's the closest I'll get to owning a mink coat.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will have a meeting on March 25 at Stanley Howe's home on Broad Street at 7 p.m. There will be soup at 6 p.m. and a card game after the meeting. This is if the weather will allow it.

Dawson and Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington on March 18.

Tim and Beth McGuire have

seedlings up in their greenhouse, Clare Piawlock's granddaughter, Fawne Sanford, and great-grandson, Austin, of California visited recently for two weeks.

Chris and Cindy Olson and sons, Karl and Kane, returned from Florida on March 18, after visiting Shirley Olson. Karl and Kane went to six spring training games and enjoyed their trip very much.

Millie Jackson will celebrate her birthday on March 27.

Gloria Crockett, Aaron and Kelly Crockett and children, Robert and Corey, visited Jason Crockett in Old Orchard Beach on March 18.

Barbara and George Bethel have a new grandson, Jacob, born on January 24.

Scuttlebutt has it a new pipeline to come or a bigger one to replace the present line.

Opal Tyler is at Market Square Nursing Home now. She is doing well and would like to see friends. James Haines is home from Marlboro College of Vermont. He returns to college on March 26.

At a recent meeting of the MAP (Museum Assessment Program) III

self-study committee, Bill Andrews of Newry was selected as chair. Mr. Andrews, a retired college president, has a wealth of experience in working with organizational assessments.

The society's Building Committee met recently and approved changes in the electrical plans for rewiring the front portion of the Robinson House. Other topics included work on plans for securing an architect as well as roof and chimney work on the Robinson House for the summer season.

Bethel's 20th century past will be the focus at the third session of this winter's and spring's Bethel Historical Society course, Three Centuries of Bethel History, on Tuesday, March 28, on the first floor of the Robinson House, beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions is urged to call the society office at 824-2908.

More items are being added weekly to the society's Museum Shop on the first floor of the Robinson House, which is open every

Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Access can also be gained by stopping at the office on the third floor of the Robinson House, most afternoons, Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Oxford Pomona Grange 2

After a winter break of three months, Oxford Pomona met on March 7, hosted by Rumford Grange 115 at their hall in Rumford Center. A bountiful supper was enjoyed before the meeting. Rumford Grange easily won the attendance banner with nine of their members present.

After the usual committee reports, James Lowe was voted in as overseer to replace Marion Bennett, who passed away recently. As there were already two other officers who had not yet been installed, Master and State Deputy Connie Tutis installed James Lowe as the

new overseer, Vicki Clark as Cares and Lucille Robbins as chaplain. Honorary membership was voted for Harold Canwell, a nursing home resident, and a contribution was voted to the Alzheimer's Foundation in memory of Marion

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From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

There was a capacity crowd for the society's annual St. Patrick's Day New England Boiled Dinner to benefit the capital campaign. Judith Haskell and Lorrie Hoch did the cooking, Lois Kilroy provided the dessert, and Amy Davis and Mary Keniston served. Assisting in the kitchen were Susan Herlihy and Jacqueline Van Leuven, who also took care of the decorating, with lots of green for St. Patrick. Mrs. Van Leuven was also responsible for making the posters for the dinner. Jack and Lucy Nordahl helped with the cleanup. Much appreciation is expressed to all those who made this event such a success.

At a recent meeting of the MAP (Museum Assessment Program) III

self-study committee, Bill Andrews of Newry was selected as chair. Mr. Andrews, a retired college president, has a wealth of experience in working with organizational assessments.

The society's Building Committee met recently and approved changes in the electrical plans for rewiring the front portion of the Robinson House. Other topics included work on plans for securing an architect as well as roof and chimney work on the Robinson House for the summer season.

Bethel's 20th century past will be the focus at the third session of this winter's and spring's Bethel Historical Society course, Three Centuries of Bethel History, on Tuesday, March 28, on the first floor of the Robinson House, beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions is urged to call the society office at 824-2908.

More items are being added weekly to the society's Museum Shop on the first floor of the Robinson House, which is open every

Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Access can also be gained by stopping at the office on the third floor of the Robinson House, most afternoons, Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

At the usual committee reports, James Lowe was voted in as overseer to replace Marion Bennett, who passed away recently. As there were already two other officers who had not yet been installed, Master and State Deputy Connie Tutis installed James Lowe as the

new overseer, Vicki Clark as Cares and Lucille Robbins as chaplain. Honorary membership was voted for Harold Canwell, a nursing home resident, and a contribution was voted to the Alzheimer's Foundation in memory of Marion

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The Telstar High School National Honor Society recently inducted new members. Pictured are (front) Darin Morse, Alex Johnson, Dan Zinchuk, Cooper Willard, Katrine Burgi. Back: Tricia Hadley, Denise Scotti, Amanda McGrew, Annah Kennett, Renee Royer, Anna Willard.



The entire student body at the Andover Elementary School posed for a picture on Winter Carnival Day, Feb. 18. Students participated in skating, sledding, skiing and snow-sculpture activities.



Zachary Gray-Thompson, 2000 CPS National Geography Bee champion.

CPS POETS
Mrs. Steele's second-grade class at the Crescent Park School wrote poems recently. Some examples:

Two friends
by Jaynee Grover

Jaynee and Kristi have
One pair of glasses
Four dogs
Four black sneakers
Two computer games
Pretty hair
Two toys the same
Two great friends
Four loose teeth
Two pretty faces
One good friendship

I'm Listening for Winter
by Chloe Bergman-Ray

I'm listening,
For winter to come,
For trees to blow,
For snowy days,
For cold icy roofs,
For warm orange, fire,
And then I'll know it's winter!



The Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast" took place March 11 at Crescent Park School and starred more than 50 local student actors and singers. Here, children rehearse several days before the show.



Crescent Park Elementary School recently held a week-long social studies celebration in which K-5 students presented or displayed projects completed during January and February. Kindergartners studied China and became immersed in the culture through slide presentations, literature, reference materials, videos, and a variety of hands-on activities. Shown is CPS volunteer Karen DeCarolis instructing students in Chinese cooking.



On the 100th day of school, Woodstock first-graders sorted their 100 collections into sets of 10. Shown are Kimberlei Dean, Zachary Downs and Ciara Nadeau.



Trying their hand at eating with chopsticks are students from Mrs. Sabin's and Mrs. Smith's kindergarten classes.



IN OUR HANDS—This metal sculpture by Larry Corriveau of Bethel is on display in the library at Telstar High School. It symbolizes the fact that the world is in the hands of its inhabitants—and they do not yet have a secure grip on it. Corriveau said, "We can't close the fingers until the world's a better place," he said.



AES students work on a snowman at the school's winter carnival. Shown are: Julia Stambolis, Lauren Gammon, Amy Farrington and Janelle Lincoln.



CPS finalists for the National Geography Bee Championship included (front) Paul Gaudreau, Lisa Ojeda, Michael Redman, Alex Crockett; (back) Tara Lunney, runner-up Erin Murphy and Andy Whitney.

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THE FUTURE MECHANICS OF BETHEL? Telstar Middle School students recently learned about mechanics by building a Go-Kart with Richard Duplessis, as part of a new after-school program. Pictured are (from left): Ryan Trefethen, Eddie Witt, Richard Duplessis, Brock Merrill, Josh Withey, Chris Duplessis and Andrew Farrington. Also working on the project were Anthony Bradstreet, Zach Eichenberger and Nick Downs.

(Photo by Rebecca Zicarelli)

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF MARCH 27

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program

Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken patty, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, fishwich, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Ground beef and macaroni, green beans, bread/butter, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, potato chips, beef ravioli, hot dog (turkey)/bun, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Italian sandwich, potato chips, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Hamburger (double meat), sliced carrots, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, fishwich, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

SAD44 Andover/Crescent Park/Woodstock Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken patty/bb bun, assorted fruit juice, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Ground beef and macaroni, green beans, bread, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, kernel corn, fruit bar, salad bar, p/b/j sandwich, milk.

Thursday: Italian sandwich, potato chips, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Hamburger/bun, garden peas, assorted fruit juice, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

(Photo by Rebecca Zicarelli)

Sports

USASA Snowboarding

Junior World Snowboarding Championships at Les Menuires, France, March 14—Gould Academy's Thomas Parsons finished sixth in a field of 60 international competitors in the Boarder Cross event. Parsons has been snowboarding for five years.

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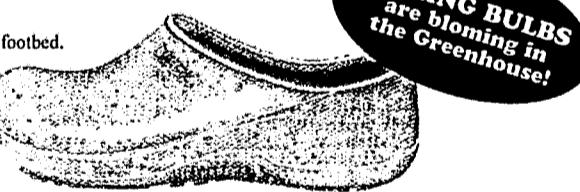
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Bennett, who had raised so much money for that cause just recently in a walk-a-thon.

Lecturer Stanley Howe presented a fun program with a musical theme. All sang, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," then two small teams were formed to come up with a list of musical instruments beginning with each letter of the alphabet. This was followed by several skits featuring Laura Hutchins and Richard Felt, and then members were challenged to name titles of well-known songs when given a clue of one of the lines from the song. Dot Canwell played a bit of each song on the piano, then she whistled a song. The mystery march was won by Richard Felt, Stan Howe and Wilma Holmes.

Resolutions of Respect were read for two fine ladies who had passed away since the last meeting. They were Marion Bennett on Feb. 1 and Fannie Cummings on March 4.

The next meeting of Oxford Pomona will again be hosted by Rumford Grange instead of Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond, where ongoing repairs are taking place on the hall. This will be on April 4.

From the
Mundt-Allen Post

Bethel's Mundt-Allen American Legion Post dedicated its March 14 meeting to 11 Post members who each have been members of Post 81 for more than 50 years. Those so honored were: Herb Kittredge, Emerson Clough, Avery Angevine, Ernest Angevine, Tom Kennagh, Henry Robertson, Ken Ramage, Wilfred (Pete) Baker, Charles Merrill, Albert Raymond and Warren Powers.

Some 70 people attended the meeting, which began with a social hour and the Post's annual oyster stew supper, prepared in his usual outstanding manner by member Brian Strickland. During this time, an afghan, knit and donated by Abby Buswell, was raffled off, bringing \$70 into the coffers of the Post 81 Auxiliary. During this time, also, several honored guests, officers from the American Legion, Department of Maine (state level Legion members), arrived and circulated to get acquainted with most of the people there. The guests were: Glenn Paye, Department second vice commander; Ron Sailor, Department adjutant; Dan Ayotte, Department sergeant-at-arms; Stan Martell, Department Americanism officer; Ed Roach, Department finance officer; Gene Bickford, Second District commander; and Leland Millett, Oxford County finance officer.

After the supper, Post 81 Com-
mander Sonny Bean called the meeting to order and asked Department Second Vice Glenn Paye to present the awards, Paid Up For Life (PUFL) memberships in the American Legion, to the 50-year members. Then the honorees were summoned individually to receive the awards and to be recognized by everyone present. All, except the last four listed PUFL recipients were able to be present and received their awards. The other four will be presented their awards individually at later dates.

PINEWOOD DERBY WINNER—Dusty Bailey was the Best of Show winner in Bethel Scout Pack 566's Pinewood Derby 2000. Scouts build and race their own wooden cars in the competition. Other winners: Kevin Wight, Zach Meisner, J.J. Whitman (Webelos II); Cory Swan, Dane Wilson, James Gibson (Webelos I); Tucker Brown, Danny Lowell (Bears); Gavin Lee, Nic Kingsbury Possee, Dustin Bragman (Wolves); A.J. Keith, Drew Wilson, T.J. O'Connor (Tigers).



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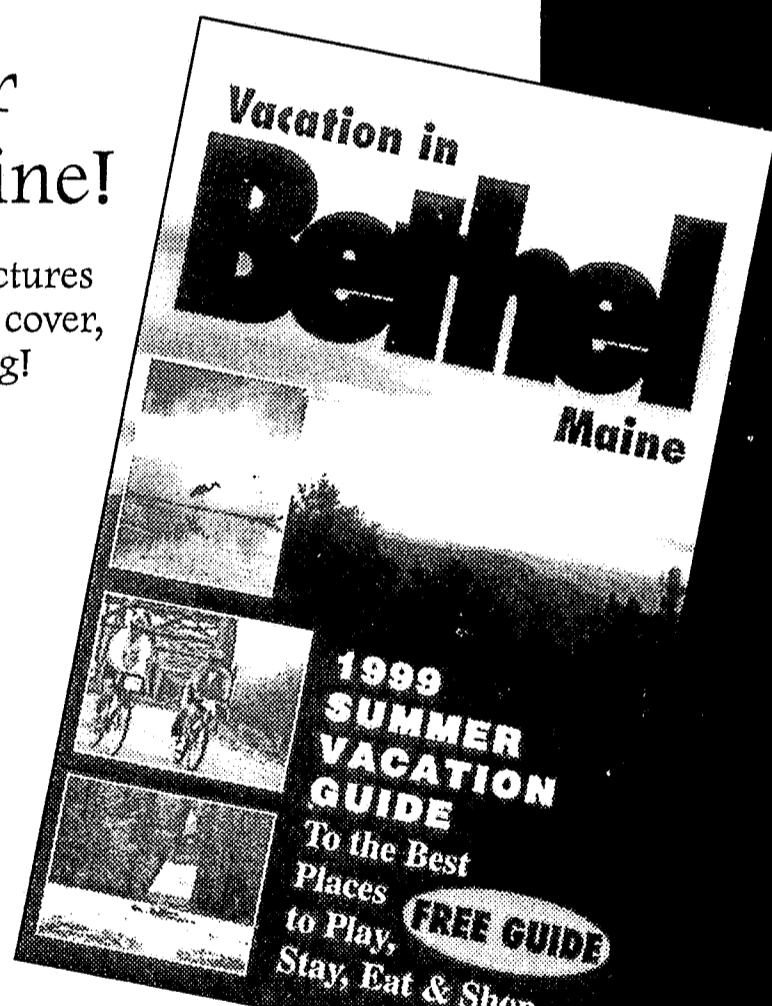
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Road Cycling: Sundays beginning April 2, 9 a.m. at Davis Park. For information, call Buzz at 824-3060.

"Hello Dolly"—March 30, 31, April 1 and 2—The Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School-Community Broadway Show, will be presented in the OHCHS school auditorium. Tickets for the show on sale at Books 'n Things, Oxford. Tickets: \$7 for children through eighth grade and senior citizens 62 and over, and \$9 for adults.

Gardening Workshop: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 27 at Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. For more information or to register, call 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

Saturday, March 25, 8 to 11 a.m.—Baseball sign-ups at the Gould Academy Field House. 7 to 8 year olds, 8 a.m.; 9 and 10 year olds, 9 a.m.; and 11 and 12 year olds, 10 a.m. Any child who played in the major league last summer does not need to attend, but must sign up at the Town Office by Friday, March 24, or at the Field House the morning of sign-ups.

Leland Faulkner, exploring characters, magic and stories from all over the globe, will be featured at 7 p.m. at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River as part of the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: \$3 for children 6-12 and \$5 for adults in advance or \$5/\$7 at door. Tickets available on-mountain at South Ridge Lodging Check In, Snow Cap Inn and the Summit Hotel front desk, or at Books-N-Things in Bethel. For further information, call 824-3575.

Chili Supper, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark Village. Cost: Adults, \$5; children, \$2.50. Public welcome.

Old-fashioned Dance, 8 to 11:30 p.m., at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Felt Orchestra. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

The McLaughlin Foundation will sponsor a program on rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and mountain laurels from 10 a.m. to noon at the center, 97 Main Street, South Paris. Cost: \$7.50 (includes tea or coffee and a lecture by Tom York. For more information, call 743-8820.

Sunday, March 26, 7:30 to 11 a.m.—Rotary Country Breakfast at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. All you can eat, \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Gould Academy Alumni/ae Ski Day and Bar-B-Q Lunch at Gould/Sunday River Competition Center. For tickets and information, please call the Gould Academy Alumni/ae office at 824-7707.

Tuesday, March 28—Musical Supper (5:30 p.m.) followed by dancing to the Richard Felt Band until 9:30 p.m., sponsored by Jackson-Silver Post Auxiliary at the Legion Hall on Gore Road, Locke Mills. Cost: \$6 and \$3 for children under age 12 (includes supper, dance and a chance to win door prizes).

Bethel Historical Society course, "Three Centuries of Bethel History," will take place on the first floor of the Robinson House, beginning at 7 p.m. The session will focus on the 20th century. For information, call 824-2908.

Wednesday, April 5, North Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens meeting 11:30 a.m., followed by a meal, at vestry of North Waterford Church. Please bring a canned good, plant or novelty item for the mock auction.

Thursday, April 6, Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at Franklin Grange hall, Bryant Pond. Linda Hooker of TRIAD will be speaker.

Saturday, April 8, 9 to 10:30 a.m.—Girls' Softball sign-ups at Gould Academy Field House.

—Women's Wellness Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Fee: \$15 includes luncheon and free childcare. Call the Adult Education office (824-2780) for details or to register.

Turkey Supper, 4:30 to 6 p.m., at West Paris Grange Hall on Church Street, sponsored by Tri-Town Rescue. Admission: \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

"On the Waterfront," starring Marlon Brando, a 108-minute black and white movie will be shown at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark Village. Donation at the door. No children, please.

Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.—Newry Mother's Club meeting.

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.—Telstar Alumni Association meeting at the Telstar library. All Telstar alums welcome and encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/luncheon at Locke Mills Legion Hall.

Saturday-Sunday, April 15-16, 9 a.m.—Three on Three Basketball Tournament at Crescent Park Elementary School. \$48 per team in advance. Profits for Maine Lung Association. Both men and women's divisions and over-35 age divisions (if enough registrants in each). Prizes. Make check payable to Cathy Heffernan, P.O. Box 1116, Bethel, ME 04217 (deadline April 1). For more information, call Cathy at 824-4237.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Afterschool program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

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Church Services

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West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Interim Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation), 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. 836-6005 or 824-7289 for more info.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5 p.m. thru March 743-2606. Note: A Eucharistic Adoration service will take place every Thursday during Lent at St. Catherine's Catholic Church at 32 Paris St., Norway. Time: 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-2289.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Ash Wednesday service March 8 at Bohr's on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m. (No house church third week of March). 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahosuc Mountain Friends—worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: Clayton Sweat 824-8231.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service. 665-3133.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist—Closed for winter recess. Please join us in the spring.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite. 392-1121.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study Thursday evenings at Pastor Gammon's home in Woodstock.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June). 674-2365.

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Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Rebel Recreation Restaurant, West Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460. the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rum

Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 23, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!			Star Trek: Voyager		Mad		Mathis	
(32) Rudy Coby	The Coolest	Illusions-New Millennium	World's Greatest Magic IV				700 Club			
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friens	Daddio	Frasier	Battery	ER			News	
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire	You Can't Say				News	
(10) News-Lehrer		Malne.	Made In	Mystery!		Rumpole of the Bailey		Lost Sodm		
(22) Cheerleading		Dog Show	Figure Skating: European Championships		Baseball		Sportcenter			
(34) Matt Houston			Movie: "Rough Riders"		Life-Jim Croce		Matt Houston			
(13) Friends		College Basketball: NCAA Tourn.			College Basketball: NCAA Tourn.					
(41) Slant	Sports	Boxing: Fight Time			FOX Sports News		Toughman	Last Word		
(15) Movie: "Stella"			Movie: "Practical Magic"				Real Sex Xtra: Best			
(17) Movie: "Angels in the Endzone"		Movie: "Alley Cats Strike!"		Movie: "Angels in the Endzone"						
(18) "Wyatt Earp" Cont'd		Movie: "Return of the Living Dead III"		Movie: "U.S. Marshals"						
(20) NHL Hockey: Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins		Bruins	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews				
(44) Intimate Portrait		Movie: "Fight for Justice: The Nancy Conn Story"		Movie: "Midwest Obsession"						
(5) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "The Gauntlet"			Movie: "The Enforcer"					
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Catdog	Catdog	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	
(25) "Tales of Terror" Cont'd		Movie: "Sunset Boulevard"		Movie: "What Price Hollywood?"						
(26) JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: "Scent of a Woman"							
(27) Law & Order		Biography	Investigative Reports				Law & Order			
(12) Full House	Full House	Movie: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"		News			MacGyver			
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline			

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 24, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Striking Distance"			Star Trek: Voyager		Mad		Mathis	
(32) Houdini: His Secrets	World's Wildest Magic	Higher Ground		Exploring the Unknown		700 Club				
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence	Dateline	Law & Order		News				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire	Making the Band	20/20		News				
(10) News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Keeping Up	Served	Served	National Desk		
(22) Up Close	Cheerlead	Figure Skating: Four Continents Championship			Baseball		Sportcenter			
(34) 18 Wheels of Justice	Extreme Wrestling	Rollerjam: Teams TBA	Motor Madness		Bowling: Rockin' Bow					
(13) Friends		College Basketball: NCAA Tourn.			College Basketball: NCAA Tourn.					
(41) NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers			College Hockey: NCAA Div. I Tourn. West First Round							
(15) "I'll Do Anything" Cont'd	Movie: "Predator"		Movie: "No Alibi"				Dennis M.			
(17) So Weird	Movie: "Shiloh"		Movie: "Hocus Pocus"		Bug Juice		So Weird			
(18) "Just Write" Cont'd	Movie: "Idle Hands"		Movie: "Interview With the Vampire"				Passion			
(20) Front Row	College Gymnastics: ECAC Championship	Front Row	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews				
(44) Intimate Portrait		Movie: "Fatal Vows: The Alexandra O'Hara Story"		Movie: "Shattered Dreams"						
(5) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Problem Child 2"			Movie: "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"					
(24) U Pick Nicktoons	Kenan-Kel	U Pick	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched		
(25) Steve McQueen: King		Movie: "The Getaway"		Cinema	Movie: "The Amazing Colossal Man"					
(26) JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: "Shadowlands"							
(27) Law & Order		Biography	Investigative Reports	Poirot			Law & Order			
(12) Full House	Full House	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Chicago Bulls		News		Coach			
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline			

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 25, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Hit List"			St. Jude-Hope		Three Stooges			
(32) Movie: "Project X" Cont'd		Movie: "Star Trek: The Motion Picture"					"Doomsday Rock"			
(6) Farm Feud	Seinfeld	Preinter	The Others	Profler		News	Sat. Night			
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Sling Blade"					News	NYPD Blue		
(10) Made In	Opinion	Jane Goodall-Hope	Antiques Roadshow	Maine Independents		Red Green	Red Dwarf			
(22) Baseball	Sportscl.	Women's College Basketball		Women's College Basketball: West Reg. Semifinal						
(34) Day Lincoln	Opry	Grand Opry	Gaither Gospel Hour	Oak Ridge Boys	Opry	Grand Opry				
(13) College Basketball: NCAA Tourn.		Early Edition		Walker, Texas Ranger		News				
(41) College Hockey: NCAA Div. I Tourn.	Sports	Celtics	College Hockey: NCAA Div. I Tourn. West Quarter. -- Teams TBA							
(15) "Milk Money" Cont'd	Movie: "Lost & Found"		Sopranos	If These Walls						
(17) So Weird	"One Hundred and One Dalmatians"	Movie: "Shiloh 2: Shiloh Season"	Famous	Bug Juice	So Weird					
(18) Movie: "Gloria" Cont'd	Movie: "Bad Girls"		Movie: "Project Shadowchaser III"		Passion					
(20) NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Boston Bruins	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews				
(44) "Mysti Plaza" Cont'd	Movie: "The Silence of the Lambs"		Movie: "Tequila Sunrise"							
(5) WCW Saturday Night	Movie: "Mars Attacks!"		"Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome"							
(24) Skeeter	Rugrats	Rugrats	Amanda	Eddie	All That	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Des!		
(25) Movie: "Around the World in 80 Days"				Endless Harmony: Beach	Beach Boys					
(26) Movie: "The Firm" Cont'd		Movie: "Cape Fear"					Highlander			
(27) Investigative Reports		Biography	Winter Solstice on Ice		Top 10					
(12) Fresh Pr.	III. Luckiest	Movie: "3 Ninjas"		News	Bzzz!	Rocky				
(39) Capital	Sports	Worldview	Movers	Larry King Weekend	Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight			

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 26, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Frasier	Frasier	Movie: "Sex, Lies, and Videotape"			Wild Things		Battle Dome			
(32) Return to Lonesome Dove				Movie: "Columbo: Grand Deceptions"						
(6) NBA Basketball: Lakers at Kings		Movie: "Bulletproof"					News	Big Break		
(8) Barbara Walters	Oscar	Academy Awards								
(10) National Geographic	Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Mystery!					
(22) Sportscenter	NHL Hockey: Phoenix Coyotes at Mighty Ducks of Anaheim				Sportscenter					
(34) Fishin'	Fishing	Outdoor	Griegsby	Championship Bull Riding		Outdoors	NASCAR	Car		
(13) 6 Minutes	Touched by an Angel		Movie: "Passenger 57"				News			
(41) College Hockey: NCAA Div. I Tourn. East Quarter.	Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News					
(15) Movie: "Practical Magic"		Sopranos		Movie: "Pushing Tin"						
(17) So Weird	Bug Juice	Famous	Famous	Walt Disney Presents	Movie: "Perry"		Mysteries			
(18) "Braveheart" Cont'd	Movie: "Black and White"		Stalker	Movie: "The Road Killers"		Saving				
(20) Preseason Baseball: Red Sox vs. Pirates	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews				
(44) "Dances With Wolves" Movie: "Trial: The Price of Passion"				Movie: "Fire Birds"						
(5) "Nowhere to Run" Cont'd	Movie: "Quigley Down Under"	</td								

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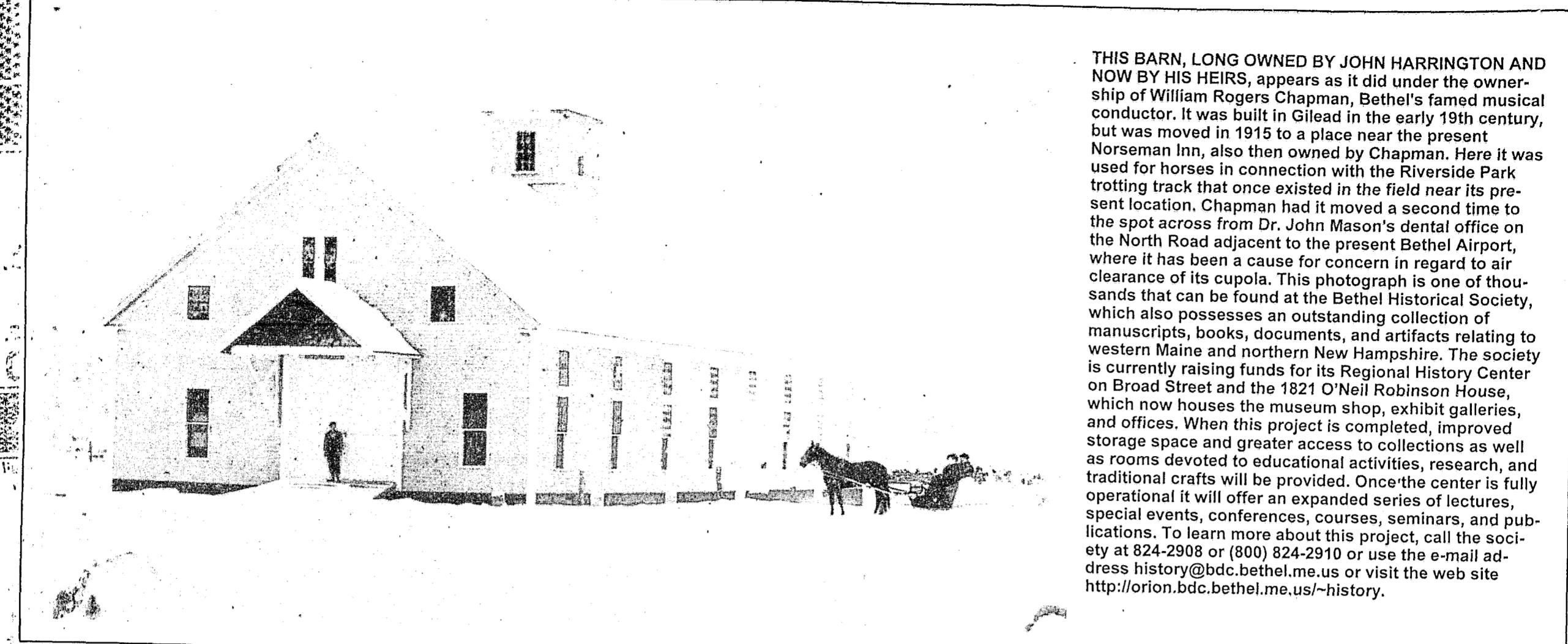
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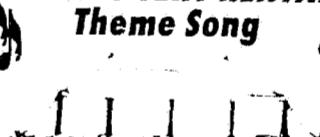
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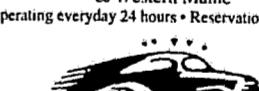
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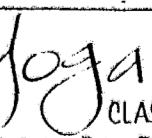
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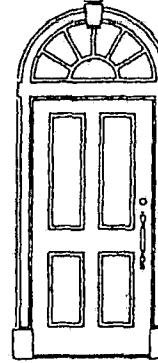
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Our 3,026th Auction
Notice of Real Estate Foreclosure Auction 00-31
Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. ss 6323

FARMHOUSE - OUTBUILDINGS - LAND
Route 113, Fryeburg, Maine
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000 at 11:00 am

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Order and Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 3, 1998, which judgment was entered by the Superior Court of Oxford County in the case of KeyBank National Association vs. Janet M. Harriman d/b/a Home Acres Mushroom Farm, et al. Docket No. RE-98-21, and wherein the Court adjudged a foreclosure of a mortgage deed granted by Janet M. Harriman dated August 23, 1998 and recorded in the Oxford (Western District) Registry of Deeds in Book 365, Page 666, the period of redemption from said judgment having expired, a public sale will be conducted on April 11, 2000 commencing at 11:00 am at the property site on Route 113 in Fryeburg, Maine. Reference should be had to said mortgage deed for a more complete legal description of the property to be conveyed.

Real estate consists of 5.34+/- acres with 460+/- feet of frontage on Route 113 with mountain views. The site is improved with a 3055+/- S.F. wood-framed farmhouse and barn. Amenities to the home include a living room, dining room, kitchen, (3) dens, family room, (4) bedrooms, a full bathroom, laundry room, and an oil-fired FHA furnace. Outbuildings include a large (3) story barn containing a spawn room, prep-room, (2) large grow rooms, packing room, boiler room, steam chamber, dry storage and equipment storage. The property is reportedly assessed by the Town of Fryeburg at \$99,125 at 110% valuation, reference tax map 21, lot 30A.

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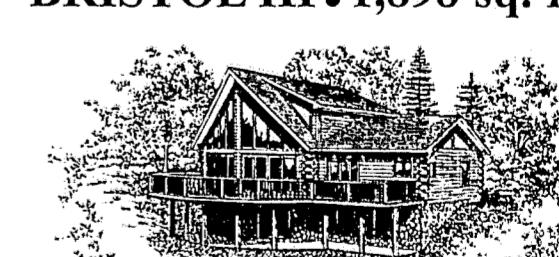
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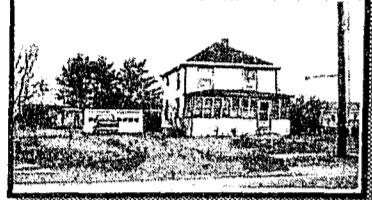
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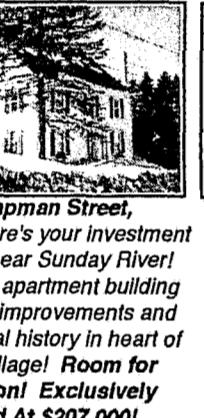
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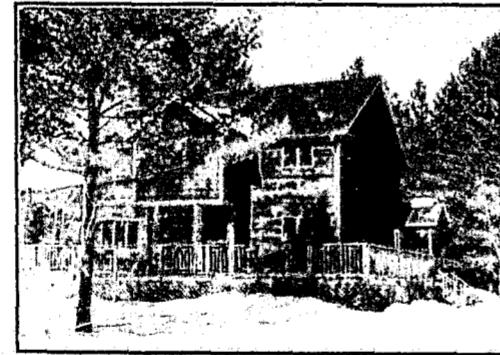
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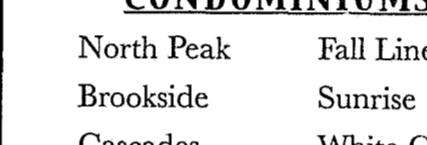
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House Lots & Land

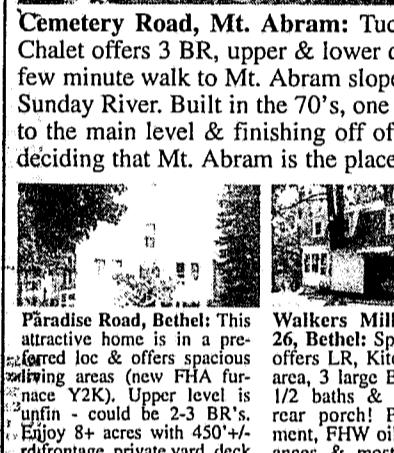
NEW LISTING! Sunday Valley Acres, Bethel Two 1+/- acre lots offer privacy & affordability. Just off Rt. 2/Sunday River Road, only minutes to Sunday River slopes or Bethel Village! \$22,500 each

Cushman Hill Road, Woodstock 25+/- acre parcel offers some views, privacy & wildlife. Driveway/bridge already in place. Land in Tree Growth except for 2+/- acres. Affordable taxes. Now \$19,900

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Obituaries

JAMES F. WILES

James F. (Jake) Wiles, Arctic explorer, 85, of Norway, died Sunday, March 19, 2000, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

Commander James F. Wiles, marine engineer (known in his hometown by many of his acquaintances as "Jake"), was born in Herkimer, N.Y., on July 27, 1914, the son of James Orey Wiles and Louise Schenk Wiles. His father, James Orey Wiles, was a machine-shop worker on the N.Y. State Barge Canal. He spent his boyhood in Norway, much of it on his uncle's farms on Pikes Hill.

In 1926, at the age of 12, he was a Maine State Delegate to the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. Vegetable gardening, especially the raising and exhibition of celery were the specialties that brought him this award. In his youth, he was a regular exhibitor of vegetables and handcrafts at the County Fair.

After graduating from Norway High School in 1932, he studied engineering at Northeastern University for one year, transferring to the United States Diesel Engineering School where, as a graduate, he completed three years of study as a diesel engineer. He holds a current U.S. Coast Guard Chief Engineers license, which is issued and renewed every five years. He has renewed his license 13 times. After graduating from college, he sailed with the American Merchant Marine, whose voyages carried him to

nearly all the major parts of the world. He made voyages with Commander Donald B. MacMillan, famed Arctic explorer on the Arctic Schooner Bowdoin. He sailed on the Bowdoin's retirement cruise to a Connecticut seaport and back.

In 1945, he married the former Ruth M. Howe in Norway. They would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 20.

During the war years, he remained in merchant shipping service making North Atlantic Convoy runs to Britain and Europe, being commissioned commander by the United States Maritime Service, and was awarded the Victory Medal, War Combat bar, and nine war zone bars.

When the European Theater Operations terminated, he transferred to the Pacific carrying supplies to the Philippines and China. At the cease of hostilities in the Far East, he remained with the War Service Administration as a marine engineer living in Shanghai where he had extensive travel in northern and central China.

He was an engineer member of the first U.S. Antarctic Expedition, with Admiral Richard E. Byrd commanding, making two voyages on the icebreaker Northstar to that continent during which both East and West bases were established. For 10 years, he worked for Portland Pipe Line and built his house on the Waterford Road in Norway. He then taught building construction and related subjects at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Lewiston and later at the new school in Auburn. At this time he entered the Trade and Industrial college program, graduating with a BS from the University of Maine at Orono and the pre-doctorate certifi-

cate of Advanced Study in College Teaching, an honors program in the postgraduate school at Orono at age 63.

While at Maine Maritime Academy, he founded the Phi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. He was a member of Hancock Masonic Lodge AF&AM, Oxford Lodge 18 AF&AM, current president of the Norway Historical Society, he attended the First Universalist Church of South Paris, and currently was a census taker for U.S. Census 2000 at the time of his death.

While working at Maine Maritime Academy, he completed 16 voyages as a watch engineer and engineering training officer on the training vessel State of Maine to visit world ports, including the unique visit to Leningrad and Moscow where the academy personnel were official visitors of the Soviet Maritime colleges and feted with many ceremonies by the Russian government. He retired from active teaching in 1981.

He and his wife returned to their home in Norway. During his retirement years, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, gardening, working in his workshop repairing machinery and making wooden novelties for his children and grandchildren. Always a seeker of knowledge, he continued taking courses into his 80s in various subjects at local colleges and high schools.

Mr. Wiles was survived by his wife of Norway; a daughter, Kathryn Wiles of Scarborough; two sons, Timothy of Bloomington, Ind., and Thomas of Oxford; two brothers, Henry A. "Bolo" of Otisfield and Herbert O. of Auburn; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son,

Tristam, in 1981; and a sister, Dorothy Ellison in 1985.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 23, at the Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, Norway. Public Masonic services by Oxford Lodge 18 will be held at 10 a.m. preceding the service. Interment will be in Pikes Hill Cemetery in the spring. Donations in Mr. Wiles' memory may be sent to Norway Historical Society, 471 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268.

NANCY M. BAKER

Nancy M. Baker, 60, formerly of Derry, N.H., died Monday, March 20, 2000, at Stephen's Memorial Hospital in Norway following a short battle with cancer.

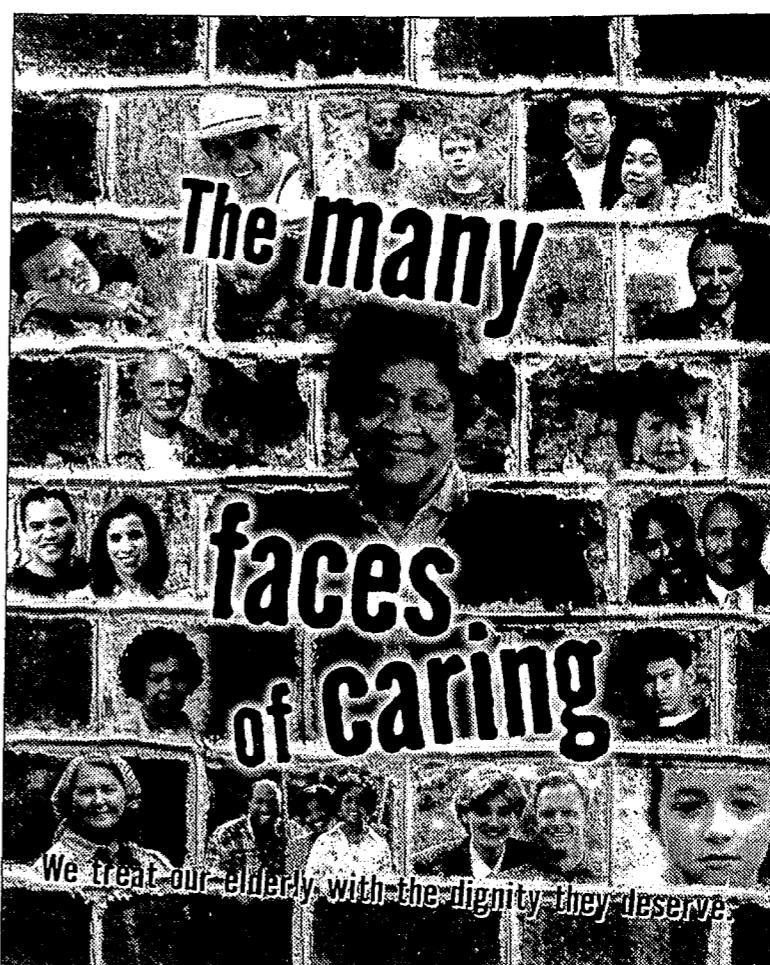
She was born at Concord, N.H., on April 18, 1939, the daughter of Royal and Emma Meserve. She graduated from high school in Concord.

She was self-employed most of her life and most recently ran an animal daycare. A lover of the outdoors she enjoyed animals, carpentry and gardening.

Nancy is survived by her lifetime partner, Linda Gagnon of Bethel; three daughters, Debbie of Manchester, N.H., Mary Beth Lee of Concord, N.H., and Kimberly of Newry; two sons, Scott Baker and Kenneth Baker; several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Nancy's memory to her friend Linda Gagnon, PO Box 323, Bethel, ME 04217.

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Veteran's or any persons claiming tax exemptions for the first time (tree growth, open space, etc.) are required to notify the assessor in writing of their claim and to furnish proof of their entitlement on or before April 1, 2000.

Woodstock Board of Assessors

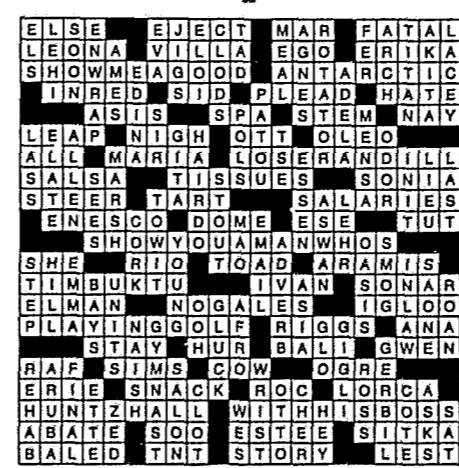
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The Annual Woodstock Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2000 at the Woodstock School Multi-purpose room at 7:00 pm.

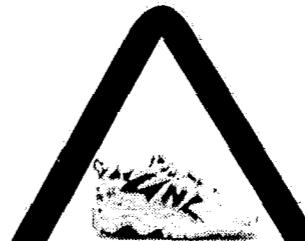
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